INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION

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Work continues for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) Commission has held its third scheduled meeting March 31 and April 1, 2016 in St. Paul, Minn. The next IMLC Commission meeting will be June 24, 2016 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Commission met previously in October and December of 2015.

In St. Paul, the IMLC Commission discussed and took action on the following items:

- *Proposed Amendments to Bylaws
- *Proposed Rules and Rulemaking Process
- * Conflict of Interest Policy
- *Personnel Needs and Recruitment
- *Technology Needs
- *Funding Sources and Budget Planning
- *Communications Plans and Outreach
- *Work Plan and Timetable

The IMLC is a binding agreement among states where it has become state law and these member states include Alabama, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Wyoming and Wisconsin.

The purpose of the IMLC is to have a streamlined process that allows physicians who have a license in an IMLC state and who meet certain eligibility standards to then receive expedited licenses from other IMLC states. The IMLC creates another pathway for licensure and does not otherwise change a state's existing Medical Practice Act. The IMLC also adopts a uniform and stringent standard for expedited licensure among the IMLC states and affirms that the practice of medicine occurs where the patient is located at the time of the physician-patient encounter. The physician will be under the jurisdiction of the medical board in the states where the patients are located.

The IMLC Commission consists of two appointed commissioners from the IMLC state licensing boards. IMLC Commissioners are executive directors or physician or public board members of those state licensing boards. The IMLC Commission is charged with creating a governing structure and foundation so that the process for expedited medical licenses in IMLC member states can proceed. IMLC Commission has its own bylaws, rules, committees, and governing structure. For more information, contact IMLC Commission Chairperson Ian Marguand in Montana at IMarguand@mt.gov.